



SUMMARY OF GROWTH TRENDS

- Higher density and intensity uses (single-family residences, schools, churches, and commercial centers) have replaced large-scale agricultural operations in the West Valley
- Residential development in the West Valley has surged ahead of the employment base
- The West Valley has a number of political jurisdictions that compete for growth and development by actively extending their geographic bases through aggressive annexation
- The Arizona legislature passed Growing Smarter Act, enacted in 1998, and Growing Smarter Plus, enacted in 2000. This legislation has the following objectives:
 - Reform the community planning process by adding a growth related component to the General Plans and require zoning procedures to conform to the new Plans
 - Increase public participation in the planning process and require a “super majority” vote by the municipal governing bodies when adopting or changing the General Plan
 - Ensure that the plans prepared for State Trust lands are coordinated with the General Plans for the community(s) in which the Trust lands are located
 - Conserve open space by setting aside matching funds to purchase State Trust land

